

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-11 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The Examiner has alleged that claims 1-11 form three distinct groups of inventions, namely Group I (claims 1-5), Group II (claims 6-7), and Group III (claims 8-11). While making an election below, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction/election requirement.

Claims 6 and 8 are amended to correct typographical errors.

Restriction and/or Election Requirement

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute claims 1-5 (Group I) drawn to a television receiver for receiving and processing television signals. Applicants respectfully submit that the present restriction/election is improper.

Claims 1-11 Do Not Form Three Groups of Inventions

Applicants submit that for the reasons discussed below, claims 1-11 do not form three groups of inventions but rather form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. As such, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction/election requirement and request withdrawal thereof.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is unity of invention as to claims 1-11. Claims 1-11 form a group of claims of a single general inventive concept. Particularly, there is a technical relationship among the claims that involves a common or corresponding special technical feature. This is recited in each independent claim (i.e. claims 1, 6 and 8).

Particularly, the single general inventive concept is directed to isolating a noise intolerant device from a source of noise in an electrical circuit/device. The special technical feature is directed to the coupling of the noise intolerant device with a processor of the electrical circuit/device only when the processor is communicating with the noise intolerant device.

Independent claim 1 embodies the present concept and special technical feature thereof by having the limitation of allowing coupling of a noise intolerant device with a processor of an electrical device only when the processor is communicating with the noise intolerant device.

Independent claim 6 also embodies the present concept and special technical feature thereof by claiming a television receiver having the limitation of

allowing coupling of a phase-lock loop (embodiment of a noise intolerant device) to a processor only when the processor is communication with the phase-lock loop.

Independent claim 8 also embodies the present concept and special technical feature thereof as a method in a tuner of a television that includes of the limitation of allowing coupling of a phase-lock loop of the television tuner (embodiment of a noise intolerant device) to a processor thereof only when the processor is communicating with the phase-lock loop.

As shown above, each of the present independent claims, and thus their dependent claims, are linked to one another to form a group of claims of a single inventive concept, namely, isolating a noise intolerant device from a source of noise in an electrical circuit/device. Applicants thus respectfully submit that claims 1-11 form a single group of claims, not three groups of claims as alleged by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the restriction/election requirement and the examination of all claims. Moreover, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments to the claims and submit that no new matter has been added in view thereof.

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